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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The invention refers to a male hygienic means, comprising a sheath to be fitted on the tip of the penis.

The object of the invention is to provide a hygienic means intended as a male dribble protective means, which resolves the problem above owing to be sufficiently straightforward design and ease of use of the item.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1) EP 0787473 A1
D2) EP 1086679 A2
D3) US 200300004478 A1
D4) US 4863448 A1
D5) US 4601716 A1
D6) US 4790835 A1
D7) US 2003023222 A1
D8) US 6479726 B1

The documents cited in the International Search Report represent the prior art. The claimed invention stated in claims 1-11 is not considered to be anticipated by these documents. None of the documents or any relevant combination of them reveals a hygienic means which comprises a uniform, substantially U-shaped rip tag extending around the front side of the tip of the sheath and fixed at its opposite ends to the adhesive surface of the fixing strips.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention claimed in claims 1-11 is novel, considered to involve an inventive step and has industrial applicability.